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surviving in the documents and the newer points of view characteristic of the actual makers of the documents. The Book of Joshua is a hard piece of literature to interpret, but it has considerable to yield to the interpreter who handles it without gloves.

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DAVIDSON, A. B., *The Book of Job*. With Notes, Introduction, and Appendix.

Adapted to the text of the Revised Version, with some supplementary notes by H. C. O. Lanchester. [Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.] Cambridge: University Press, 1918. lxxi+344 pages. 5s.

The excellent commentary on Job by the late A. B. Davidson was well deserving of the new edition it has been given by the editors of the Cambridge Bible. Dr. Lanchester has done his work well. He very properly regarded his task not as that of re-writing Davidson's commentary but rather as that of recording the main elements of the newer knowledge that has come to light since 1884, when this commentary was first written. In the new edition the Revised Version has supplanted the Authorized, and a larger and clearer type has been used. This change of type, with the addition of some new subject-matter, has increased the size of the commentary by 55 pages. The chief modifications by the new editor are (1) the addition of a brief section in the Introduction on the text and a list of books; (2) a different treatment of the third cycle of the debate, involving a reassignment of materials there, resulting in the recovery of Zophar's speech; (3) a different explanation of the attitude of the author toward the problem of suffering which finds the significance of the book in the Prologue and not in the speeches of Yahweh; and (4) recognition in many places of the views of recent interpreters. This edition should give the commentary a new lease of life. Would it not, however, have been well to have kept Davidson pretty much unchanged and to have recorded diverging views with clear indication of their non-Davidson character?

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SKINNER, J., *The Book of the Prophet Isaiah, Chaps. xl-lxvi*. In the Revised

Version, with Introduction and Notes. [Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.] Cambridge: University Press, 1917. lxxiv+289 pages. 3s. 6d.

Dr. Skinner has here brought an earlier edition up to date by substituting the Revised Version for the Authorized and by taking account of the literature of recent years. In the Introduction he canvasses the various problems and interpretations arising out of the study of the book. His own positions are well defended and persuasively presented. He accepts current views throughout, venturing upon no innovations. The book is found to consist of two main sections, viz., (1) chapters xl-lv, of which chapters xl-xlvi were written between 546 and 539 B.C. and chapters xlix-lv in the interval between the capture of Babylon by Cyrus and the issue of his decree permitting the return of the Jews to Palestine, and (2) chaps. lvi-lxvi, some of which may have come from the early part of the first century after the Exile, though the bulk of them belong to the close of that century. As to the relation of the Servant Songs to their context, Skinner holds that they were an earlier production by the author of chapters xl-lv, which he himself incorporated in his later work. In an appendix the more recent theories as to the significance of the Servant passages are carefully expounded and critically examined. For himself Dr. Skinner rejects the purely